

After OAS Action

The quarantine imposed on the shipment of offensive
Cuba
weapons to ~~xxxx~~ has been authorized by a vote of the Organ
of Consultation under the Rio Treaty. This measure has
been taken by a regional organization consistently with
Article 52 of the United Nations Charter, which recognizes
the functioning of regional arrangements and agencies in
matters which are appropriate for regional action. The
measure of quarantine voted by the Organ of Consultation
does not constitute "enforcement action" within the meaning
of Article 53. As the language and structure of the Charter
show, and the International Court of Justice has indicated,
"enforcement action" is obligatory and binding action. The
OAS resolution is clearly recommendatory in character.
No authorization from the Security Council is required.